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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS DUTIES ON FROZEN BLUEBERRIES AND
CRANBERRIES

REF: BONN 05760

BEGIN SUMMARY: FEDMINFINANCE INFORMED US EMBASSY OF
ITS DECISION TO ISSUE AN INTERNAL ORDER (ERLASS)
ADDRESSED TO ALL GERMAN CUSTOMS FIELD OFFICES DIRECTING
THAT IMPORTS OF ALL TYPES OF FROZEN BLUEBERRIES BE
SUBJECT TO THE EC PREFERENTIAL RATE OF FOUR PERCENT
AD VALOREM AND THAT FROZEN CRANBERRIES BE CHARGED NO
DUTY. END SUMMARY.

1. FEDMINFINANCE INFORMED U. S. EMBASSY IN MAY 10
TELECON THAT IT WOULD ACCEDE TO U. S. REQUEST NOT TO
RECLASSIFY FROZEN CULTIVATED BLUEBERRIES AND CRANBERRIES
INTO TARIFF POSITIONS WHICH REQUIRE CHARGING THE FULL
DUTY OF 18 AND 20 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY. TO IMPLEMENT
THIS DECISION FOR PERIOD LASTING THROUGH JUNE 30, 1977
(WHEN CURRENT EC TARIFF PREFERENCE MUST BE RENEWED),
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FEDMINFINANCE HAS ISSUED INTERNAL ORDER (ERLASS) TO
ALL GERMAN CUSTOMS FIELD OFFICES, DIRECTING THAT ALL
IMPORTED FROZEN WILD AND CULTIVATED BLUEBERRIES BE
CHARGED FOUR PERCENT DUTY, AND WILD AND CULTIVATED
CRANBERRIES OR COWBERRIES ENTER DUTY FREE, AS
ESTABLISHED IN EC REGULATION 1450/76. GERMAN OFFICIALS
EXPECT ORDER TO BE MAILED BY END OF THIS WEEK. EMBASSY

WAS INFORMED THAT ORDER ALSO DIRECTS THAT ALL EXISTING CUSTOMS DECISIONS CHARGING THE HIGHER RATE BE WITHDRAWN AND ALL INVESTIGATIONS INTO PREVIOUS SHIPMENTS BE STOPPED. THE ORDER ALSO APPLIES RETROACTIVELY TO SHIPMENTS CHARGED THE HIGHER RATE.

2. AS OF JULY 1, THE NEW EC REGULATION ON SPECIAL TARIFF PREFERENCES IS TO INCLUDE BOTH WILD AND CULTIVATED FROZEN BLUEBERRIES AND CRANBERRIES. FEDMIN AG OFFICIALS INFORMED US THAT EC COMMISSION AND OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES HAVE ACCEPTED WITH ONLY MINOR CHANGES EMBASSY PROPOSAL FOR CLEAR WORDING OF TARIFF POSITIONS TO RECEIVE PREFERENCES DURING PERIOD JULY 1, 1977 - JUNE 30, 1978. THE NEW VERSION REPORTEDLY WILL INSURE A CONTINUATION OF THE TARIFF PREFERENCE OF FOUR PERCENT FOR FROZEN BLUEBERRIES, WILD AND CULTIVATED, AS WELL AS A ZERO DUTY RATE FOR COWBERRIES AND CRANBERRIES.

3. WILL INFORM IMMEDIATELY WHEN ACTION OFFICIAL. STOESEL

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